GOLD BENNETT CERA & SIDENER LLP 1 STEVEN O. SIDENER (SBN 121062) MAR 1 4 2005 JOSEPH M. BARTON (SBN 188441) GWENDOLYN R. GIBLIN (SBN 181973) RICHARD W. VIEKING CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT 595 Market Street, Suite 2300 3 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA San Francisco, California 94105-2835 Telephone: (415) 777-2230 4 Facsimile: (415) 777-5189 Attorneys for Lead Plaintiff And All Others Similarly Situated 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 Master File No.: C-02-3510 VRW In re HPL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 11 SECURITIES LITIGATION Class Action 12 **IPROPOSEDLJUDGMENT** 13 AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL AS TO DEFENDANTS 14 HPL TECHNOLOGIES INC., ELIAS ANTOUN, ITA GEVA, 15 LAWRENCE KRAUS, OSAMU KANO, YERVANT ZORIAN, 16 <u>AND Y. DAVID LEPEJIAN</u> 17 THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: 18 ALL ACTIONS. 19 20 This matter duly came before the Court for hearing on February 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. 21 pursuant to the Order of this Court dated November 5, 2004 ("Preliminary Approval Order"). Due and adequate notice having been given to the Settlement Class as required in the Preliminary 23 Approval Order, and the Court having considered all papers filed and proceedings had herein and 24 otherwise being fully informed in the premises and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED: 26 This Judgment incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation of 1. 27 Settlement with HPL Technologies, Inc., Elias Antoun, Ita Geva, Lawrence Kraus, Osamu Kano, 28

Yervant Zorian and Y. David Lepejian dated as of October 1, 2004 ("the Stipulation"). All terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation unless otherwise indicated.

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Litigation and over all parties to the Litigation, including all Settlement Class Members.
- Settlement Class of all Persons who purchased or otherwise acquired HPL securities during the period between July 31, 2001 through July 18, 2002, inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class are the defendants, members of the immediate families of the defendants (including spouses and former spouses of any of the defendants), any entity in which any defendant has a controlling interest, present or former directors and officers of HPL, and the legal representatives, heirs, successors, pledgees or assigns of any such defendant. Also excluded are those Persons who timely and validly requested exclusion from the Settlement Class pursuant to the Notice of Pendency and Settlement of Class Action and Settlement Hearing sent to the Settlement Class (identified in Exhibit B-1 hereto).
- 4. With respect to the Settlement Class, this Court finds and concludes that: (a) the Settlement Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members in the Litigation is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of the Lead Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) the Lead Plaintiff and its counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of the Settlement Class Members; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, considering: (i) the interests of the Settlement Class Members in individually controlling the prosecution of the separate actions, (ii) the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by Settlement Class Members, (iii) the desirability or undesirability of continuing the litigation of these claims in this particular forum, and (iv) the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the Litigation.

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- 5. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, this Court hereby approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation and finds that said Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settling Parties and to persons who may be alleged or determined to be joint tortfeasors or co-obligors with the Settling Defendants with respect to the Released Claims. The Stipulation and Settlement are hereby finally approved in all respects, and the Settling Parties are hereby directed to perform its terms.
- 6. Except as to any individual claim of those Persons (identified in Exhibit B-1 hereto) who have validly and timely requested exclusion from the Settlement Class, the Litigation and all claims contained therein, as well as all of the Released Claims, are dismissed with prejudice as against each and all of the Released Persons. The Settling Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation.
- 7. Upon the Effective Date, the Lead Plaintiffs shall have, and each of the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Persons, whether or not such Settlement Class Member executes and delivers the Proof of Claim and Release.
- 8. Upon the Effective Date, all Settlement Class Members shall be forever barred and enjoined from prosecuting any action arising out of or relating in any way to the Released Claims against any of the Released Persons.
- 9. Upon the Effective Date, each of the Settling Defendants shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished and discharged each and all of the Settlement Class Members and Representative Plaintiffs' Counsel from all claims (including Unknown Claims), arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement or resolution of the Litigation or the Released Claims.
- Only those Settlement Class Members filing valid and timely Proof of Claim and Release forms shall be entitled to participate in the Settlement and receive a distribution from the Settlement Fund. The Proof of Claim and Release to be executed by the Settlement Class

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Members shall release all Released Claims against the Released Persons. All Settlement Class Members shall be bound by the releases set forth herein whether or not they submit a valid and timely Proof of Claim and Release.

- Settlement Hearing and Proof of Claim and Release and publication of the Summary Notice as provided for in the Preliminary Approval Order were the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including the individual notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort. Said notice provided the best notice practicable under the circumstances of those proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement set forth in the Stipulation, to all Persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, the requirements of due process, and any other applicable law.
- 12. The conditions and terms relating to the issuance of HPL common stock shares pursuant to Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act of 1933 to the Settlement Class Members is fair.
- 13. Lead Counsel is authorized to distribute the net settlement proceeds of all approved settlements in this litigation to the Authorized Claimants following the conclusion of the claims administration, pursuant to the Court-approved Plan of Allocation, without further order of the Court.
- Any order entered on the Plan of Allocation submitted by Lead Counsel or any order entered regarding the attorneys fees and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect this Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Judgment.
- 15. The Court hereby enters an order barring claims for contribution as provided by 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(f)(7).
- 16. Neither the Stipulation nor the Settlement contained therein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement: (a) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Settling Defendants or their respective

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- 17. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction over: (a) implementation of this Settlement and any award or distribution of the Settlement Fund, including interest earned thereon; (b) disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) hearing and determining applications for attorneys' fees, interest and expenses in the Litigation; and (d) all parties hereto for the purpose of construing, enforcing and administering the Stipulation.
- 18. The Court finds that during the course of the Litigation, the Settling Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

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19. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, or the Effective Date does not occur, then this Judgment shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated and, in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 3/11/2005,2005

HON. VAUGHN R. WALKER UNITED STATES DISTRICT CHIEF JUDGE

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## EXHIBIT B-1

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## **SETTLEMENT CLASS EXCLUSION LIST**

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**END OF REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION**